

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Initially, the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy and assistance extended on behalf of the Applicants during the telephonic interview initiated by the Examiner on September 14, 2009, with the undersigned.

During the interview, the Examiner considered claims 12 and 16 to be identical and asked to cancel claim 12. The Examiner also asked to cancel claims 2, 48 and 49 as being redundant.

With regard to claim 12, the same has been amended to include the recitations of claim 8 from which it depended. With regard to claims 48-50, the same have been canceled. With regard to claim 2, the same has been amended to depend from claim 20.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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